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MISCELLANEOUS ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON THE GDR

investment funds totaling 146 million DM are available in 1952 for the construction of 529,000 square meters of roads, the repair of 6.27 million square meters of road surfaces, and the construction of 7 railroad bridges and 16 bridges spanning rivers.

the VEB Infesto Plant, in Dresden, which is subordinate to the VVB IFA (Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Vehicles and Parts). The plant, with a labor force of 360, is the only plant in the GDR which produces piston rings over 600 millimeters. Monthly output: 200,000 piston rings up to 160 millimeters, 15,000-20,000 from 160-400 millimeters, and 2,500 from 400-1,500 millimeters; in addition, 150 gland packings for locomotives. This output required 50-60 tons of cast iron per month, which the plant obtains from its own iron foundry. Most raw materials are supplied by the Maxhuetten Plant and the Metallurgical Combine "East", and some are obtained from the USSR, Poland, and Sweden. Quota fulfillment involves qualitative but not quantitative difficulties, since an average of 30 percent of the monthly output consists of rejects. Although the plant formerly worked on direct reparations orders only, it now supplied various pump and compressor plants in the GDR.

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